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SUBJECT:CANCELLATION OF ATS-6 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

1. IN CONNECTION WITH UNITED NATIONS PLANNED DEMONSTRATION OF ATS-6 SATELLITE CAPABILITIES AT UNITED NATIONS HEAD-QUARTERS APRIL 22, PLEASE ADVISE J. NICHOLS, UN SECRETARIAT, THAT NASA IS UNABLE TO MAKE ATS-6 SPACECRAFT AVAILABLE AS REQUESTED FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: NASA EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM WITH ATS-6 INCLUDES SCIENCE AND APPLICATIONS EXPERIMENTATION UNRELATED TO BROADCASTING. RECENT PLANNING FOR NON-NASA RADIO-ASTRONOMY EXPERIMENTS IN EASTERN US HAS REQUIRED UNPROGRAMMED TERMINATION OF SATELLITE OPERATIONS FOR DURATION OF RADIO-ASTRONOMY EXPERIMENTS. USE OF SATELLITE NOW FOR PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION FURTHER COMPLICATES OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF NASA EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM AND COMPRESSES OPERATIONAL TIME LINE ON THE EVE ASTP MISSION FOR WHICH ATS-6 CONSTITUTES CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS LINK.

2. ADDITIONALLY, THE SHORTNESS OF TIME INVOLVED IN PROGRAM REVIEW WITHIN THE US GOVERNMENT MAKES IMPOSSIBLE OBTAINING ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCES NECESSARY FOR USE OF THIS EXPERIMENTAL SATELLITE FOR DEMONSTRATIONAL PURPOSES. IN VIEW OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE FACT THAT SEVERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE INVOLVED IN

PROGRAM ASPECTS OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY, INSUFFICIENT TIME  
REMAINS TO ACCOMPLISH REQUISITE CLEARANCE.

3. PLEASE CONVEY NASA REGRETS THAT AUTHORITATIVE AGENCY  
POSITION WAS NOT CONVEYED TO NICHOLS SOONER. KISSINGER

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